

MAYOR THANKS WATER BUREAU

Expresses Gratitude for Calling Off Strike—Will Try to Get Pay Rise

CALLS ACTION SENSIBLE

Water Works Chief Davis Says Everything Is Normal

Chief Davis, of the Water Bureau, said this morning: "There is no strike. Everything is going along normally. The calling off of the strike was a great relief to a large majority of the men, who evidently had no sympathy with the intention of a few to strike."

Mayor Moore today expressed the gratitude of the city toward the employees of the Water Bureau over the collapse of the strike.

The strike, which was called for 7 o'clock this morning, did not materialize, as it was not sanctioned by Timothy Healy, president of the International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen, Oilers and Helpers, and by many of the workers.

"There is nothing to crow about," said the Mayor. "For the workers have our sympathy and support, and we hope to get them better pay, although, as we have explained to them, the means are not immediately available."

Better to Stand by City
"There is one lesson to be drawn from the collapse of the strike, however, and that is that the city employees will fare better standing by the administration than they will spending their time and money in support of agitators."

Asked if an ordinance looking to a pay increase for the employees of the Bureau of Public Works would be introduced in Council this afternoon, the Mayor said:

"The only reason for any ordinance that will go to Council today will be the administration pay ordinance in behalf of the police and firemen."

"We will not be able to agree upon a pay raise for the employees of the Water Bureau until the employees in the Highway and Survey Bureau have been taken into account. It may be that we will be able to report something along this line during the next ten days."

Men at Posts Today
The threatened strike of the employees of the bureau of water didn't materialize.

Waterworks engineers, firemen and others were at their posts this morning as usual.

Pumps are working, water is flowing and the crisis is past. The order calling off the strike was issued from union headquarters at Thirteenth and Spring Garden streets at 11 o'clock last night.

At Eleventh Hour
The calling off of the strike order literally came at the eleventh hour, for it was just before midnight when the order was issued.

The city authorities up to that time fully had expected a walkout to take place and had made every preparation to cope with the emergency.

Foremost among the preparations was the obtaining of a large number of experienced engineers, oilers and gaugers from private concerns who would have replaced the strikers.

GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE

Prisoner Changes Plea and Throws Himself on Court's Mercy
Pasquale Romano, thirty-five years old, was sentenced to life imprisonment in Camden today, when he changed his plea of "not guilty" of the murder of Bernard Holzhauser to a plea of "guilty," throwing himself on the mercy of the court.

Sentence was pronounced immediately by Justice Parker, and at noon Romano was started on his way to state prison at Trenton.

Holzhauser, who lived on Second street near Pine, Camden, was shot in a saloon brawl in June of last year. He died after two weeks in the Cooper Hospital.

FIREMEN CONGRATULATED

Check for \$200 for Pension Fund Accompanies Letter to Mayor
Congratulations for the city's fire-fighters and a check for \$200 for the Firemen's Pension Fund were contained in a letter received by Mayor Moore today from Newburger, Henderson & Co., bankers, 1410 Chestnut street.

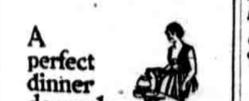
The bankers' place of business is next door to Kugler's restaurant, which was destroyed by fire recently. The letter expressed the firm's pleasure with the work of the firemen at this fire.

"They (the firemen), are indeed a credit to the administration," read the letter, "and the firemen are to be congratulated for the excellent work that is being done. The work of these men at Kugler's fire was simply splendid."

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Edwin H. Moyer, 2315 S. Woodstock st., and Florence Moyer, 2315 S. Woodstock st.; Peter J. Moran, 2018 S. Chestnut st., and Lauretta J. Moran, 2018 S. Chestnut st.; Henry H. Weiss, 2287 S. Lee st., and Anna Schaefer, 416 S. Lee st.; John J. Scott, 3111 Chatham st., and Gladys W. Lewis, 2117 Chatham st.; Peter W. Freed, 5108 Frankford st., and Jennie M. Freed, 5108 Frankford st.; Samuel M. Dallas, 2121 Granite st., and Rose M. Dallas, 2121 Granite st.; John Robert Kugler, 1121 Commissioner st., and Florence Kugler, 2018 Chestnut st.; Albert Williams, 885 N. 42d st., and Sarah McConnell, 1708 Seybert st.

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WILLIAM DICK

\$400 SCHOOL RISE HELD IMPOSSIBLE

Flat Increase Out of Question for Another Year, Says William Dick

SEEK LEGISLATIVE AID

It will be financially impossible for the Board of Education to meet the demands of the school teachers for a flat salary increase of \$400 for at least another year, is the opinion of William Dick, secretary of the board.

Mr. Dick placed the board's financial ability to meet the teachers' demands up to the state Legislature, which does not meet until next year.

The proposed public meetings by the allied teachers' committee for arousing public sentiment in behalf of the teachers' salary increase was heartily approved by Mr. Dick. "Only this should have been done two years ago when the Legislature was then in session," he said today.

"The board's finances cannot be enlarged until the Legislature provides some method of doing it," Mr. Dick went on. "The next Legislature undoubtedly will be called upon to give the school directors authority to meet the situation. Whether this will be in the form of an increase in the school tax or a state appropriation to the schools for the purpose remains to be seen."

The allied teachers' committee will meet this afternoon at 1327 Spring Garden street, to formulate plans for organizing public meetings to discuss salary increases and plan the creation of a citizens' committee of one hundred prominent men to lend their moral support and influence to the movement. The teachers' committee is composed of three representatives from every teachers' organization in the city that has endorsed the \$400 increase plan.

Mayor Moore, Alva B. Johnson, E. T. Stotesbury and Joseph E. Widener are names that have been suggested by the teachers for heading the movement. William Rowen, vice president of the Philadelphia school board, said last night that nothing would be done here looking to the salary raise until the state Legislature meets in session. The question are received.

"Of course," he added, "should some unexpected means be found for borrowing money, then it is possible the board might make use of it."

HELD ON LIQUOR CHARGE

\$600 Bail Set for Man Accused of Carrying Whisky
Robert Brown, a negro, of Scranton, Pa., who was arrested by Detective Marks on a charge of larceny and illegally transporting liquor, was held in \$600 bail for a further hearing Tuesday by Magistrate Meclary in Central Station this morning.

Brown is alleged to have stolen a quantity of liquor from a broad car and a gallon jug of whisky, which caused quite a stir when produced in court this morning, was found in his suitcase.

NO ROTH SUCCESSOR NAMED

Ernest L. Tustin, director of public welfare, has not selected a successor to Colonel George Roth, who resigned on Saturday as assistant director of public welfare. The resignation came too suddenly to allow me to think about a successor to Colonel Roth," Mr. Tustin said. "I shall make no announcement of a new assistant director until April 1, when Colonel Roth's resignation takes effect."

Mrs. Margaret Boyden

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Boyden, who died Sunday night, will be held tomorrow morning from her home, 4105 Chester avenue. There will be a solemn requiem mass at 9 o'clock in St. James' Catholic Church, followed by interment in Holy Cross Cemetery, Philadelphia.

Mrs. Mary Porter Combs

Mrs. Mary Porter Combs, 1921 South Broad street, died last night in her home. She was seventy years old. Mrs. Combs was the mother of Gilbert Reynolds Combs, who founded the Broad Street Conservatory of Music near Reed street. Her husband, Robert Lorton Combs, was a distinguished pianist, organist and composer, and Mrs. Combs herself was for a number of years one of Philadelphia's leading sopranos.

William F. Rorke Funeral

Many of his colleagues in the Legislature will attend the funeral of State Representative William F. Rorke, at his home, 145 West Main street, Germantown. The funeral will be held there on Thursday, at 8:30 a. m., followed by solemn requiem mass in the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, at 10 a. m. Speaker Spangler, of the House, has appointed the members from Philadelphia, Delaware, Montgomery, Bucks and Chester counties a committee to attend the funeral.

HA, HA! DISCOVERED! MARCH SETS WIND STYLE FOR YEAR

Weatherman's Secret Is Out—Ponce de Leon Released Cat From Bag on "Shot of Hoocha"

March has always been the month of wind and now a weather sharp (not connected with the Weather Bureau) says that March 21 sets the wind style for the coming year.

His direction for getting a line on the prevailing wind for the coming year is to find out exactly in what quarter the wind is at 12 o'clock noon on March 21. After that you can make your plans for the coming year, arrange fishing parties, picnics, outdoor weddings and other forms of recreation.

The observation of this weather sharp for the last twenty-two years bears out his theory. He hasn't been fooled yet. Last March 21 the wind was from the north—and look at the wind and winter we had this year.

He got the idea from an old Florida fisherman who refused to tell where it came, but it is thought that it was first brought to this country by Ponce de Leon, who arrived on these shores on the 21st of March. As he first put foot on land, he wet one forefinger and held it aloft in the southern breeze, which was from the southwest.

"A warm year," cried Ponce de Leon, "is one of the Indians, mistaking the gesture of the uplifted arm, ran to the side of the explorer with a mookin (Indian quart measure) filled with hoocha (Indian red eye) and handed it to Ponce. After drinking a dram of it the Spanish gentleman broke into a song and ended with the often quoted words attributed to him—

"Burn my clothes—whether it be the Fountain of Youth."

Whether this incident really happened or, as Smudge's "Longer History of the World" suggests, has grown out of the well-told tale of a nation, is unimportant. The fact remains that the Philadelphia Weather Bureau doesn't believe a word of the theory. The forecaster said so. In fact, he laughed.

He pointed out that the wind might be from the east here in Philadelphia, from the southeast in Trenton, from the south in Harrisburg and from up in the air at Washington. But all these places get about the same grade of weather, sometimes a very poor grade.

But all the same the weather sharp who believes that March 21 is a weather indicator is going to wait until that date until he plans this year's fishing trips.

SCHOOLS IMPERIL HEALTH, IS CLAIM

Baugh-Close Association Complains of Two "Unsanitary, Medieval" Institutions

TO GO TO EDUCATION BOARD

Conditions in the Baugh-Close Public School, at Seventh and Dickinson streets, were declared to imperil the health of 1600 children, in a resolution adopted by the Baugh Close Community Service Association. The complaint, in the form of a petition, will be presented to the board of education at its next meeting.

The two Baugh-Close schools were described as old and insanitary in the petition. "The rain leaks through the roof," said the petitioners. "The heating plant is inadequate, the gas lighting is so poor that on dark days school has to be dismissed; the walls are cracked and stained; the rooms are draughty, and the toilet facilities are medieval. The schoolyard is paved with bricks, so badly in need of repair that it is full of puddles on stormy days."

John B. Cassel, superintendent of school buildings, while admitting the building to be old and a "little out of date," declared that conditions were not quite as bad as represented by the petitioners.

"The school is no worse than a hundred other school buildings in the city," said Mr. Cassel. "Of course, the remedy should be a new school building, and I don't blame the parents for wanting one, but the board can't afford to do that. The school is kept in repair at all times, whenever a break, due to age, is discovered. But the cost of all articles for building purposes prevents any actual modern improvements being placed in the school. The building is not a bit worse now than it was twenty-five years ago."

\$11,000,000 PAID FOR INCOME TAX

One Return of \$3,000,000 Enables Office to Establish Record—Clerks Work Late

DELINQUENTS PAY PENALTY

When clerks at the office of internal revenue collector emerged from a mass of returns this morning it was declared that \$11,000,000 was paid in the final rush of taxpayers yesterday.

One return of \$3,000,000, paid by a corporation, established a record for the district. The highest tax paid last year was \$2,500,000.

Clerks worked long into the night to complete records of the returns, and the Federal Reserve Bank remained open until 11 o'clock to handle checks received at the Federal Building. The clerks were taken to the bank in wagons.

This morning 8000 more returns were received through the mails. These will be acceptable if they were mailed yesterday, the last day of payment.

A few delinquents appeared at the tax office this morning and paid the penalty. Most of them declared that they would rather pay the additional tax than stand in line with the hundreds that made eleventh-hour payments.

Collector Lederer received instructions from Acting Commissioner Callen at Washington this morning to issue no figures on the returns.

HIGH LIFE BARRED FOR YOUNGER FOLK

No Late Hours or Backless Gowns for Debutante-to-Be, Is Edict

RULES MADE BY PARENTS

No more backless gowns for youthful maidens in society circles. No more late parties. No more refreshments which will affect the health or studies of the prospective debutante.

Such is the edict which has gone forth from the Parents' Association formed yesterday at the home of Mrs. Charlton Yarnall, Seventeenth and Locust streets.

The new simple life policies are to be applied to those of the school age. The action was the result of suggestions made by the Colonial Dames and also by Bishop Rhinelander some time ago.

Many mothers and fathers prominent in society circles have noticed that there has been a great tendency among the young people to imitate the older folk in style and dress and it was decided that the time had come to call a halt.

Late hours and the fad for week-end parties have had serious effect on the studies of many of the boys and girls, it was asserted.

Mrs. George McFadden said the principal of a school told her that it often required a whole week for some of her pupils to get over the effect of a week-end party. On account of their lassitude and weariness he said, according to Mrs. McFadden, they could not grasp matters quickly and lost valuable time.

An executive committee was appointed to draw up a set of rules to put a stop to the mimicry of the older set by the boys and girls. The committee is headed by Mrs. John S. Newbold.

The invitation to the meetings were signed by Mr. and Mrs. John Hampton Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. George McFadden.

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ARREST MAN IN GIRL CASE

Tailor Charged in Connection With Disappearance of Anna Portner

Julius Dubowich, a tailor, Fifth and Pierce streets, was arrested last night in connection with the disappearance of fourteen-year-old Anna Portner, 251 Pierce street.

The man, according to the police, induced the girl to leave her home and accompany him to Norristown on February 8 last. Dubowich is thirty-three years old.

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We don't know in what condition the throngs of yesterday left the goods in this Half Price Sale—could not possibly find out before placing this advertisement. All we can tell you is that the Sale started Monday morning with \$25 Suits and Overcoats at \$12.50, and so on up through all the prices to \$60 Suits and Overcoats at \$30—As well as other Odds and Ends at Exactly One Half their former Prices!

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